

## House Resolution No. 4359

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State businesses which bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their activities, standards, and procedures in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

**Whereas**, Colt Safety, Fire & Rescue of Saint Louis, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a quality managed distribution company which warehouses and distributes everything a worker wears or uses in a hazardous environment according to OSHA and NFPA regulations; and

**Whereas**, Colt Safety, Fire & Rescue will enhance its already impressive list of accomplishments when it receives an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Freedom Award from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld at a black tie ceremony which was held in the Atrium of the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in Washington, DC, on September 21, 2004; and

**Whereas**, in addition to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the awards ceremony included as guest speaker the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; and

**Whereas**, Colt Safety, Fire & Rescue was nominated for this prestigious award by an employee who has been called to active duty in the United States military since the events of September 11, 2001; and

**Whereas**, Colt Safety, Fire & Rescue is a family-owned business which was founded by Christine J. Bierman twenty-four years ago as a 100% woman-owned and -operated company; and

**Whereas**, Colt Safety, Fire & Rescue is the first Missouri company ever to win an ESGR Freedom Award from the United States Department of Defense:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Colt Safety, Fire & Rescue for a United States Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Freedom Award and to convey to all of those involved, especially founder and CEO Christine J. Bierman, this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Colt Safety, Fire & Rescue of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Barbara Wall Fraser  
District No. 83

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4359, adopted October 25, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker